GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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FALL IN PRICES OF CRUDE OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of downfall of crude oil prices on the oil pool account;

(b) the percentage of HSD of 0.005 percent sulphur contents, being sold as compared to the total sales of HSD;

(c) whether the APM is applicable on both the qualities of HSD being sold in NCR/NCT;

(d) if so, whether the charging of excess rates on clean diesel is not against the sentiments of APM, orders of Supreme Court of India and affects adversely the poor agriculturists and transport operators; and

(e) the time by which the deficiency of system is to be removed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The downfall of international prices of crude oil will have a favourable impact on the oil pool account.(b): HSD with 0.005% sulphur content has not been introduced in the country as yet. However, the 0.05% sulphur (max) content HSD sold by the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) and IBP Co. Ltd. a compared to their total sales of HSD during April to September 2001 is 9.7% , 8.06% , 8.1% and 8.8% respectively.

(c): In NCT/NCR, only 0.05% sulphur (max.) content HSD is sold under APM.

(d) & (e) : The selling prices of 0.05% maximum sulphur HSD are relatively higher as the manufacturing process of this grade of diesel involves higher cost of production to refineries. The prices of this grade of diesel carry a premium over the normal grade in the international market.